



KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

June 7, 2010

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:05 p.m. at the Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

Present: Councilor Jeff Eddins

Staff Members Present: Shawn Brown, Public Safety Director; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief

Discussion of the Homicide

Chief Shawn Brown stated the detectives had received a tip from a source in Wilmington which was promising. He said Solomon is working with the Sheriff's Department conducting interviews with an individual and an arrest is possible within the next couple of months.

Discussion of Vehicle Breaking & Entering

Chief Shawn Brown stated there had been several Breaking & Entering into vehicles. All the vehicles were left unlocked and items such as navigation systems, computers and pocket books were taken. The surrounding cities are also having the same issues and Wake Forest just arrested two individuals and our investigators are going to interview them to see if there is a connection between those breaking & entering and ours.

Discussion of Recent Narcotics/Gang Activity

Chief Shawn Brown stated a vehicle stop ended up in a seizure of \$5,000 and a small amount of drugs. Also last week Detective Boryla requested Wake County's K-9 unit assist at a storage facility to try to locate units that are used for hiding narcotics. The K-9 hit on two units. There was nothing found in the first unit. The second unit only held a bag. The bag contained a kilo of cocaine worth \$80,000.00. This led to Boryla obtaining a search warrant for the owners vehicle and residence. There was \$40,000.00 seized from the vehicle and \$60,000.00 seized from the residence.

Discussion of Detective Division

Shawn Brown stated the armed robbery at Burger King was solved and adopted by the US Attorney's Office.

There have been several sex crimes and the department has made a couple of arrest. One individual fled the country.

There have been a large amount of counterfeiting in the area, which is being investigated.

Eddins asked if the Detective Division was working Ok since the department was short an investigator since David Simmons left.

Chief Shawn Brown stated Simmons was not working investigations, he was assigned to patrol and investigations was working properly.

Eddins inquired about Detective Soto.

Chief Shawn Brown stated that Soto was working out well in investigations and the cases stated above were Soto's cases.

Discussion of I-540

Shawn Brown stated DOT had installed large signs and also added additional road closed signs. DOT had mentioned adding rumble strips, but at this time they were not ready to commit to that because of the cost.

Eddins inquired if officers were patrolling I-540

Chief Brown said they did not have authority to patrol that area

Eddins gave Chief Brown authority to patrol the area overnight. He said he would like the end of I-540 checked a couple of times a night to ensure that if someone ran off the road again they would not be left there for hours without medical attention.

Discussion of Complaints

Chief Brown said he had received multiple complaints of speeding and stop sign violations in the Churchill subdivision. He had officers start enforcement in the area. They issued an estimated 4 citations, but because there was officer presence in the neighborhood many residents called and thanked Chief Brown.

Chief Brown also said he received complaints in the Carrington Woods subdivision reference youth gathering in the neighborhood. Officer Todd was assigned to that area and he said there were very few kids hanging in the area, none in large groups.

Discussion of Tethering Ordinance

Chief Brown said the department was having a difficult time enforcing the Tethering Ordinance due to the three hour time limit. He explained that is the case went to court and an officer was not stationed at the residence for the entire three hours that a judge would dismiss the case.

Eddins agreed, and said he did not want three hours of an officers time to be used for the tethering ordinance. He suggested having a Code Enforcement officer sit at the residence.

Discussion of using Fire Staff to enforce Fire Lane Violations

Chief Brown suggested fire personnel having authority to issue fire lane violations

Eddins agreed since the violators would hinder the Fire Department in an emergency situation

Chief Guffey suggested having only the sworn personnel who perform fire inspections issue the citations

Discussion of False Alarm Practices and Fines

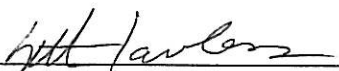
Chief Brown asked that Jenny Richardson explain the situation with the false alarms

Jenny Richardson requested that the current False Alarm Ordinance have some adjustments made. The current ordinance allows two false alarms in a thirty-six month period and she suggested allowing three false alarms in a twelve month period starting in January and ending in December.

Chief Brown also suggested that the ordinance be more specific as to what determines a false alarm. Some examples that would be exempt are weather related alarms, children pulling a fire alarm at a business and fire alarms that occur due to smoke caused by cooking.

Eddins agreed and asked that Chief Brown work on a new ordinance and present it at the next Public Safety Committee

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm



Town Manager or Admin. Asst.



Committee Chairman